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#### VIA ECFS AND OVERNIGHT COURIER

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 9300 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743

ATTN: Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau

Re: BridgeCom International, Inc. Section 63.71 Application to

Discontinue the Provision of Domestic Intrastate, Interexchange

Telecommunications Services

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed herewith, on behalf of BridgeCom International, Inc. ("BridgeCom"), please find the Application of BridgeCom International, Inc., pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules to Discontinue the Provision of Domestic Intrastate, Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the States of Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Texas and Washington.

For your convenience, a file/stamp copy of this transmittal letter is also enclosed. Please return it in the enclosed stamped, addressed envelope.

To the extent you have any questions concerning this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned telephonically at (240) 461-0412 or electronically at channan@broadviewtel.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine M. Hannan

Enclosures

# Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of	)
Section 63.71 Application of	)
BridgeCom International, Inc.	)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 63.71	)
Of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R.	)
§63.71, to Discontinue the Provision of	)
Intrastate Interexchange Services in the	)
States of Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas,	)
Michigan, Ohio, Texas and Washington	) )

## SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BRIDGECOM INTERNATIONAL, INC.

BridgeCom International, Inc. ("BridgeCom") requests authority under Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §43.71 to discontinue the provision of intrastate, interexchange telecommunications services throughout the States of Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Texas and Washington. BridgeCom is certificated to provide the above-described services in each of the listed jurisdictions; however, over time, a significant portion of BridgeCom's customer base has been consolidated into the operations of BridgeCom's sister corporation, Broadview Networks, Inc., in accordance with federal and state commission rules and regulations.

While most customers opted to participate in the customer base consolidation, certain customers chose instead to transition to new providers (with BridgeCom's full cooperation and without charge for the service provider change). A few customers, however, opted to remain with BridgeCom rather than to be consolidated into the Broadview Networks customer base or to

See, e.g., Section 64.1120(e)(3) submission of Broadview Networks, Inc., et al., Docket No. 000257, July 31, 2008.

select a new service provider. In order that BridgeCom might continue to legally provide service to those of BridgeCom's customers which, for reasons of their own, chose to remain with BridgeCom, the Company has, of necessity, retained its telecommunications service authority in each named jurisdiction. With the passage of time, the natural attrition of these remaining customers has finally reduced the number of customers to whom BridgeCom provides intrastate, interexchange services in the above-listed states to zero.

BridgeCom does not actively market telecommunications services to consumers in the listed states and has no plans to resume marketing telecommunications services in these states in the future. Accordingly, coincident with the filing of this Section 63.71 Application, BridgeCom is taking steps to surrender back to the relevant state commissions the Company's telecommunications service authority. In this way, BridgeCom will facilitate the efficient use of both its own corporate resources and the resources of the Federal Communications Commission and each listed state public utility commission.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's Rules, BridgeCom provides the following information:

### 1. Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

BridgeCom International, Inc. 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite N-501 Rye Brook, NY 10573

### 2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

Because BridgeCom is considered non-dominant with respect to all of the services to be discontinued, the Company anticipates the automatic grant of the instant Application on the 31<sup>st</sup> day following release by the Federal Communications Commission of a *Public Notice* on the Application. Because Applicant currently serves no telecommunications services customers in the above-listed states, BridgeCom will officially discontinue service in those states on the date

of automatic grant of the instant Application, which Applicant anticipates will be on or about December 31, 2010. It is possible that a small number of states will not have formally approved the surrender of BridgeCom's operating authority and/or withdrawal of tariffs by that date; in such states, service will be officially discontinued upon the date authorized by the relevant state commission.

#### 3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

BridgeCom will discontinue the provision of intrastate, interexchange telecommunications services throughout the States of Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Texas and Washington.

#### 4. Brief Description of Type of Services Affected (47 C.F.R. §§63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

In the States of Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Texas and Washington, BridgeCom is authorized to provide all types of intrastate long distance telecommunications services; BridgeCom has not, however, provided long distance services on a prepaid basis in any listed jurisdiction.

The discontinuance of the above services does not adversely affect the public convenience and necessity because consumers in these states have a wide range of alternative intrastate, interexchange services from which to choose. Furthermore, as noted above, no consumer in any of these states is presently subscribed to BridgeCom's services; each such customer has already transitioned to another authorized carrier of its own choosing or otherwise ceased to subscribe to BridgeCom's services.

# 5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. §§63.71(b)(3)):

As noted above, no customers exist which will be affected by BridgeCom's proposed discontinuance of the above-described services in the listed states. Section 63.71(a) requires that

"the carrier shall notify all affected customers of the planned discontinuance;" since BridgeCom has no affected customers here, no notice is required; Section 63.71(a)'s notice requirement is an impossibility and a nullity here. That no consumer protection goal which the FCC's notice language is designed to protect are at issue in this circumstance is apparent from the very text of Section 63.71(5)(i), where the Federal Communications Commission directs non-dominant carriers to inform customers as follows:

"The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance or service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the Sec. 63.71 Application of (carrier's name). Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service."

Here, no BridgeCom customer exists in the impacted states; therefore, no individual or entity is capable of providing specific information of *any impact whatsoever* that the proposed discontinuance upon it. All customers have already transitioned to alternative providers; clearly there has been no inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Indeed, the ease with which BridgeCom's remaining customers have been able to transition to new providers is a result of a vibrant array of telecommunications service alternatives in the listed states; accordingly, there is no realistic possibility that BridgeCom's surrender of existing telecommunications service authority in these states would adversely impact the public convenience and necessity.

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<sup>47</sup> C.F.R. §43.71(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §63.71(a)(5)(1).

As noted above, coincident with the filing of this Application, BridgeCom, is taking

steps, consistent with relevant state commission rules and regulations, to surrender its existing

telecommunications operating authority and, where required, to withdraw its telecommunications

services tariffs in the affected states. Additionally, in satisfaction of Section 63.74(a), copies of

this Section 63.71 Application are also being sent today, via First Class U.S. mail, to the Special

Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense and the governors and public

utilities commissions of each state in which discontinuance is proposed. Thus, BridgeCom's

discontinuance of service in the listed states will be fully transparent to regulators and consumers

alike.

6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §63.71(b)(4)):

BridgeCom is considered non-dominant with respect to all of the services to be

discontinued in the listed states.

7. **Designated Contacts:** 

Correspondence concerning this Application should be directed to:

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In view of the foregoing, BridgeCom International, Inc., respectfully requests that the Federal Communications Commission automatically approve this Section 63.71 Application for discontinuance of services in the listed states as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Hunter

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November 22, 2010

#### VERIFICATION

State of New York	)	
	)	SS.
County of Westchester	)	

I, Charles C. Hunter, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that I am Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Broadview Network Holdings, Inc., and its operating subsidiary, BridgeCom International, Inc. ("BridgeCom"); that I am authorized to and do make this Verification for it; that the facts set forth in the above Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I expect BridgeCom to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof; and that BridgeCom understands that, if the contents of the Application are found to be false or to contain misrepresentations, any authority granted may be suspended or revoked. I further depose and say that the authority to submit the Application has been properly granted.

Charles C. Hunter

Subscribed and sworn before me this 22 day of More 2010.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

COREY RINKER
Notary Public, State of New York
Registration #02RI6220869
Qualified In Westchester County
Commission Expires April 19, 20 //2

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Catherine M. Hannan, certify that I have this 22nd day of November, 2010, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of BridgeCom International, Inc., by U.S. Mail, Postage Prepaid, to the following:

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